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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 6, 2006, Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 disclosing additional documents, copies enclosed. These documents were cited in the corresponding Japanese patent application on October 18, 2006. U.S. Patent No. 6,808,414, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 6,491,545, is believed to correspond with JP 2003-534629, and U.S. Patent No. 6,471,549 is believed to correspond with JP 2003-512706.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

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